

## **Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi Appoints Dr. William Brody to Stem Cell Oversight Board**

SACRAMENTO – Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi today named Dr. William Brody to the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee (ICOC), which governs the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM). Dr. Brody currently serves as the President of the Salk Institute in La Jolla.

“Dr. Brody is an accomplished scientist, widely recognized among his peers as one of our nation’s forefront thinkers in biomedical engineering and healthcare policy,” said Garamendi, California’s first elected State Insurance Commissioner. “With more than three decades of experience, Dr. Brody has proven himself worthy of this important post, and I am confident that with his new responsibilities, he will continue to advance science in a way that improves all our lives.”

Dr. William R. Brody, an acclaimed physician-scientist, entrepreneur and university leader, joined the Salk Institute for Biological Studies on March 2, 2009 after 12 years as president of the Johns Hopkins University. He is a national figure in efforts to encourage innovation and strengthen the U.S. economy through investments in research and education. Most recently, he has written and spoken extensively around the country to promote a fuller discussion of health care reform.

Renowned for his achievements in biomedical engineering, Dr. Brody is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and the Institute of Medicine. He is also an accomplished scientist authoring more than 100 articles in U.S. medical journals. He has made significant contributions to the fields of medical acoustics, computed tomography, digital radiography, and magnetic resonance imaging. Dr. Brody holds two U.S. patents in medical imaging and is the co-founder of three medical device companies.

A native of Stockton, Dr. Brody earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He earned his doctorate (also in electrical engineering) and his medical degree (M.D.) from Stanford University.

In 2004, California voters approved Proposition 71, the California Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative, a statewide ballot measure which established the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) and provided \$3 billion in funding for stem cell research at California universities and research institutions. Governed by the 29-member Independent Citizens Oversight Committee (ICOC), the Institute makes grants and provides loans for stem cell research and research facilities. To date, the ICOC has approved 295 research and facility grants totaling more than \$761 million, making CIRM the largest source of funding for stem cell research in the world.

The Lieutenant Governor is responsible for appointing five members of the ICOC. Dr. Brody will serve in the slot previously held by Dr. Marsha Chandler, also with the Salk Institute. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem.